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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1892.

Annual Meeting of the American Geographical Society, held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, January 19, 1892, at 8 o'clock P.M.

President DALY in the chair.

On motion it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The following persons were elected Fellows of the Society:

Alton H. Thompson, Topeka, Kansas, W. L. Daniels, Bayonne, New Jersey, E. A. Lawrence, Benjamin Richards.

The annual report of the Council was then presented and read:

NEW YORK, January 19, 1892.

To the American Geographical Society:

The Council respectfully submit the following report for the year 1891:

Since the last report there have been held six regular meetings and one special meeting of the Society, and seven regular and four special meetings of the Council.

The number of Fellows elected during the year was 117.

The additions to the Library and Map Room number 4784, viz.: books 1554, pamphlets and periodicals 2956, atlases 32, maps and charts 242. In this total are included three gifts, of which special mention should be made: 11 bound volumes of *Le Tour du Monde*, added by Mr. F. A. Stout to those previously presented by him, and completing the series to 1890; 326 volumes and 18 pamphlets from Gen. J. Watts de Peyster; and 679 volumes, 1404 pamphlets, 17 atlases and 36 maps received from the Hon. Chas. P. Daly.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter R. T. Jones, shows a balance to the credit of the General Fund of $1245.46.

WILLIAM REMSEN, *Chairman of Council.*

The Treasurer's Report was then read:

Annual Report of the Treasurer for the year 1891:

NEW YORK, January 1, 1892.

To the American Geographical Society:

The Treasurer respectfully reports the following receipts and expenditures of the Society for the year ending December 31, 1891:

The balance in Union Trust Co., January 1, 1891, was		$2283 28
The receipts have been:		
Dues	11,935 00	
Rents	3,032 00	
Sale of publications	82 00	15,049 00
		$17,332 28
The expenditures have been:		
House account	668 49	
Salaries	4,436 00	
Library	1,400 76	
Lectures	1,150 25	
Publications	2,176 73	
Stationery	128 24	
Postage	423 68	
Insurance	309 55	
Interest	338 21	
On account of mortgage indebtedness	4,000 00	
Exploration account	1,000 00	
Miscellaneous	54 91	16,086 82
There remained on deposit in Union Trust Co., December 31, 1891		$1,245 46

WALTER R. T. JONES, *Treasurer.*

The Nominating Committee then presented the following report:

To the American Geographical Society:

The Committee appointed December 14, 1891, to nominate suitable candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual election in January, 1892, respectfully recommends the election of the following named gentlemen, viz.;

For President—Hon. Chas. P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1893.

For Vice-President—Gen. Egbert L. Viele, term to expire January, 1895.

For Treasurer—Walter R. T. Jones, term to expire January, 1893.

For Recording Secretary—Elial F. Hall, term to expire January, 1895.

For Councillors—Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., Levi Holbrook, Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, LL.D., Chandler Robbins, Gustav E. Kissel, terms to expire January 1895; and William G. Hamilton, term to expire January, 1893.

CLINTON ROOSEVELT, *Chairman.*
CHARLES A. PEABODY,
WILLIAM REMSEN,
Nominating Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Clinton Roosevelt was appointed to cast the vote of the Society for the nominees and they were declared duly elected.

Mr. Chandler Robbins proposed certain amendments to the By-laws of the Society. These were read and referred to the Council, to be reported at the next meeting in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XVI.

President Daly then introduced to the Society the Rev. Lysander Dickerman, who delivered a lecture on "The Fayoum: The Labyrinth: and recent discoveries in other parts of Egypt."

The Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of February 15, 1892.

President Daly in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows:

J. B. Wilson, John H. Comer.

The Council reported in favor of the Amendments to the By-Laws proposed by Mr. Chandler Robbins at the Annual Meeting, January 19, and recommended their adoption. On

motion, duly seconded, the amendments, as reported, were unanimously adopted.

The President then introduced the Rev. C. C. Tiffany, D.D., who addressed the Society on "Tunis and Tunisia."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 14, 1892.

President Daly in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

The Rev. John A. Gutteridge, recommended by the Council, was elected a Fellow of the Society.

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Robert D. Benedict, LL.D., who delivered a lecture on the "Hereford Map of the World, of A.D. 1300."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 21, 1892.

President Daly in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with on motion duly seconded.

Mr. Clarence M. Hyde, recommended by the Council, was elected a Fellow of the Society.

The President then introduced Mrs. M. French Sheldon, who addressed the Society upon "Her recent expedition into East Africa, with an account of the Manners and Customs of the People."

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Sheldon for her address, proposed by Mr. Paul B. Du Chaillu, was unanimously adopted.

The Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of April 11, 1892.

Vice-President Schaff in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with on motion duly seconded.

Mr. William Penn Ryman, recommended by the Council, was elected a Fellow.

The Chairman then introduced to the Society Dr. Thomas

Morong, who read a lecture on "The Rio de La Plata: the River System, Character of the Countries through which it runs, Manners and Customs of the People, with Personal Adventures in a recent Visit to the Region."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of May 2, 1892.

President Daly in the chair.

The President said that the meeting had been called for the consideration of a proposed expedition to explore the region immediately around the North Magnetic Pole. The idea of this expedition had been suggested two years ago by Col. W. H. Gilder, who would be its leader, if the plan were carried into execution. He then read a letter from Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, Superintendent of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, and one from Prof. O. C. Marsh, President of the National Academy of Sciences, both in favor of the project.

The President then introduced to the Society Prof. W. P. Trowbridge, of Columbia College, who explained the present state of our knowledge of magnetism and electricity, and the advantages of the proposed expedition. He read, also, a paper by Prof. Chas. A. Schott on the organization and work of the expedition.

The President next introduced Prof. Alfred M. Mayer, who sketched the history of magnetism.

Gen. Greely, who was then introduced by the President, insisted upon the practicability of the undertaking.

The President then introduced Col. W. H. Gilder, who gave an outline of his plan for accomplishing the exploration.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of November 14, 1892.

President Daly in the chair.

It was voted, on motion duly seconded, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Byron Sherman, Morristown, N.J.; A. G. Mills, Cyrus C. Adams, Wm. H. Rudkin, Mrs. Henry Draper.

The President then read the following resolutions, adopted at a stated meeting of the Council, held on the 5th of November:

Resolved, That in the death of Professor Theodore W. Dwight, LL.D., who has been a Fellow of this Society for twenty-four years, and who, from 1873 to 1879 and from 1883 to the time of his death, was a member of our Council, we have lost one of the most valuable of our associates. Distinguished, as the head of the Law School of Columbia College and as one of the Judges of our Court of Appeals, for his legal learning, he had also a wide knowledge of geography, interesting himself not only in those physical inquiries that constitute its basis as a science, but in all expeditions to obtain information of the unknown or imperfectly known parts of the earth. No one, for many years, was a more constant attendant at the meetings of the Society, where he could always be depended upon for appreciative and critical remarks upon the papers read or lectures delivered before it, and all of us recall the amicable disposition, the ever-pleasant smile and the gracious courtesy that made him very attractive as a teacher and beloved as a man.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes and that a copy of them be transmitted to the family af our late associate.

On motion, duly seconded, the Society unanimously adopted the resolutions.

The President then read the following resolutions, which also had been adopted at the stated meeting of the Council held on the 5th of November:

Resolved, That by the death of Francis Aquila Stout the American Geographical Society has lost a highly valued adviser and friend. For thirty-two years he was a Fellow of the Society, for two years its Secretary and for twenty years one of its Vice-Presidents. He was a man of cultivation and refinement, and of rare executive ability. He was deeply interested in this Society, took pride in its progress, and was always generous in his methods of increasing its usefulness. By his uniform cour-

tesy and consideration he endeared himself to all who had relations with him. In him the American Geographical Society has lost a wise counsellor, a diligent officer and a loyal supporter.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, that they be read at the next meeting of the Society, and that an engrossed copy be sent to the family of Mr. Stout, with assurances of the sorrow and sympathy of each member of the Council.

On motion the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. Chas. Sprague Smith, who delivered a lecture on "The Historical Value of the Vinland Sagas."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of December 12, 1892.

President DALY in the chair.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

A. De Buys, Theodore B. Starr.

The President then introduced to the Society, Civil Engineer R. E. Peary, U. S. N., who described the "North Greenland Expedition of 1891–92."

On motion, the Society adjourned